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1. PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH CONSULAR OFFICER REPORTED IN REFTEL, KAHANE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 10 IN TEL AVIV. A SUMMARY OF HIS REMARKS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CARRIED IN FBIS TA MAY 101200Y. THESE REMARKS WERE NOT AS RESTRAINED AS THEY WERE IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CONSULAR OFFICER. FOR EXAMPLE AN ARTICLE IN THE JERUSALEM POST CARRIED THE HEADLINE "KAHANE WARNS: 'KIDNAPPING OR WORSE' FOR SOVIET DIPLOMATS." ALSO, KAHANE SAID AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WOULD PROMISE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE IF THE USG WOULD TAKE STEPS TO AID SOVIET JEWRY, WHEREAS AT THE EMBASSY HE SAID MERELY THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE JAR IF HE WOULD SIMPLY CONVEY HIS MESSAGE OF CONCERN ABOUT LIKELY VIOLENCE TO THE SOVIETS.

2. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT SEVERAL SOVIET ACTIVISTS SHARED THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH KAHANE. SYLVIA ZALMANSON
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**AND PROFESSOR ALEXANDER TIONKIN SAID THEY FAVORED VIOLENCE
AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS IF NO OTHER MEANS WERE AVAILABLE
TO HELP SOVIET JEWS.
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